

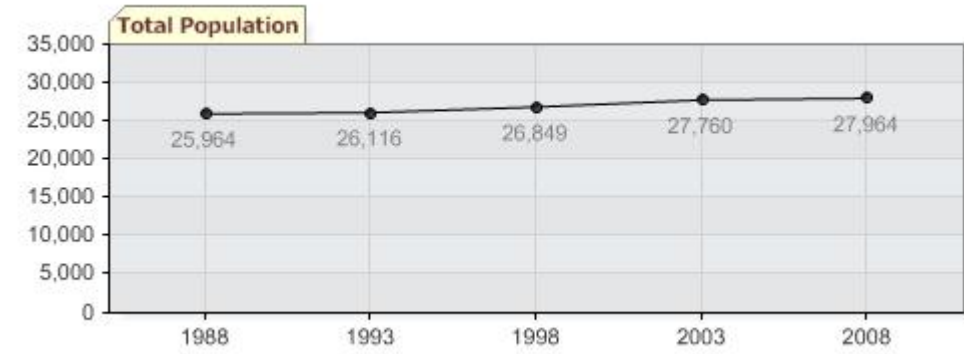
Wells County, IN Highlights

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Overview	Population	Education	Commuting	Labor Force	Industry	Income	Firm Size

Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

Population Over Time					
	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	25,964	26,116	26,849	27,760	27,964
Change Since 1988		152	885	1,796	2,000
Pct. Change Since 1988		0.6%	3.4%	6.9%	7.7%



Source: US Census Bureau

Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008

	Number
Net Domestic Migration	-38
International Migration	1
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	103
Births	358
Deaths	255

A bar chart titled "Components of Change" showing the breakdown of population change from 2007 to 2008. The y-axis represents the number of people, ranging from -60 to 120 in increments of 20. The x-axis shows three categories: Domestic Migration, International Migration, and Natural Increase. The bars are colored: Domestic Migration is blue (-38), International Migration is red (1), and Natural Increase is green (103).

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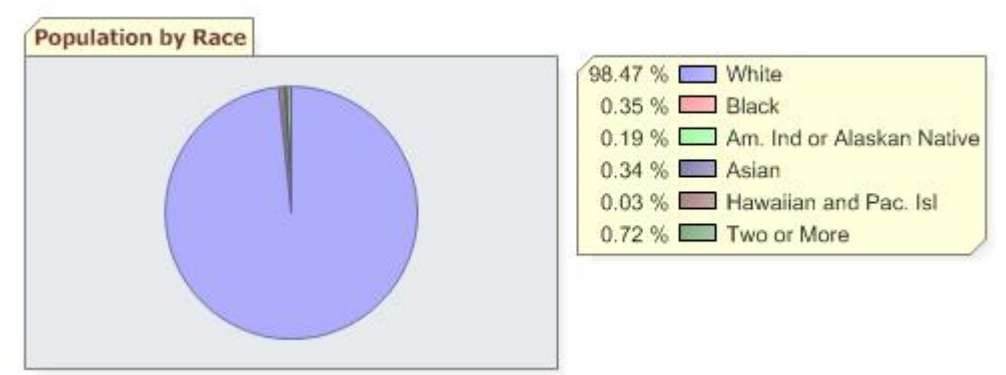
Population Estimates by Age in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	1,715	6.1%
School Age	5,018	18.0%
College Age	2,375	8.5%
Young Adult	7,027	25.2%
Older Adult	7,573	27.1%
Older (65 plus)	4,219	15.1%

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	54	0.2%
Asian Alone	94	0.3%
Black Alone	98	0.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	8	0.0%
White Alone	27,471	98.5%
Two or More Race Groups	202	0.7%



Hispanic or Latino

Non-Hispanic or Latino	27,450	98.4%
Hispanic or Latino	477	1.7%

Source: US Census Bureau

Households in 2000

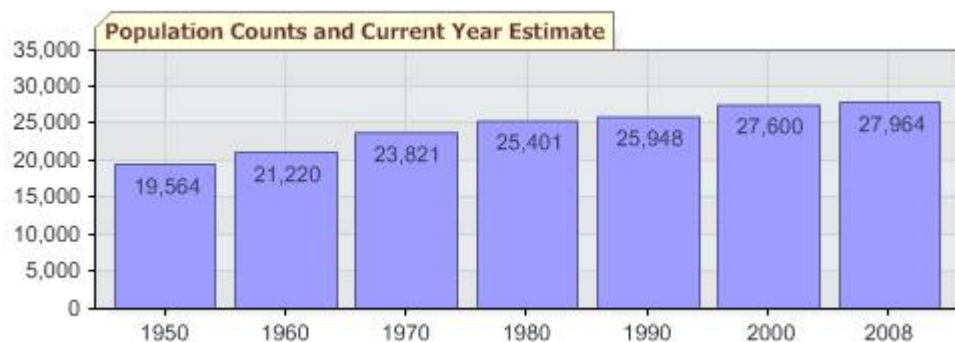
	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	10,402	100.0%
Family Households	7,625	73.3%
Married with Children	2,911	28.0%
Married without Children	3,524	33.9%
Single Parents	736	7.1%
Other	454	4.4%
Non-family Households	2,777	26.7%
Living Alone	2,423	23.3%
Average Household Size	2.65	
Average Family Household Size	3.62	

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate

	Population	Numerical	Pct. Chg.
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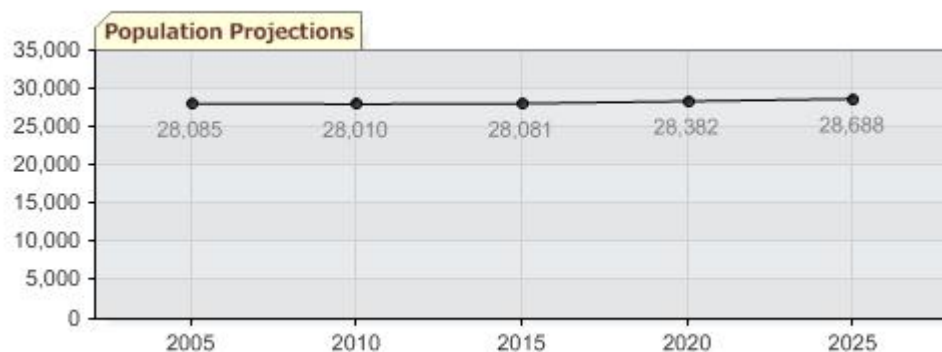
		Chg.	
1950	19,564	NA	NA
1960	21,220	1,656	8.5%
1970	23,821	2,601	12.3%
1980	25,401	1,580	6.6%
1990	25,948	547	2.2%
April 2000	27,600	1,652	6.4%
2008	27,964	364	1.3%



Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Population Projections

	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	28,085	28,010	28,081	28,382	28,688
Change Since 2005		-75	-4	297	603
Pct. Change Since 2005		-0.3%	-0.0%	1.1%	2.1%



Source: Indiana Business Research Center